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Representative Barto Receives Nursing Hero Award



STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Nancy Barto (R-15) today thanked the Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) for presenting her with the 2019 Nursing Hero Award last month at their Centennial Celebration.

“I’m humbled by the Arizona Nurses Association’s decision to award me the 2019 Nursing Hero Award,” said Representative Barto. **“Nurses play a critical and often underappreciated role in our healthcare system, so it’s**

such an honor to be recognized by them for my legislative work. It took us four years, but we got it done!”

Representative Barto was awarded the Nursing Hero Award for her dedication to the practice of nursing and her work to allow full practice authority for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN).

“The Arizona Nurses Association and the APRN Coalition are so appreciative of the dedication of our Arizona state legislator, the Honorable Nancy Barto,” said Robin Schaeffer, Executive Director of AzNA. “In her tenure as both Senator and Representative, Ms. Barto has sponsored our APRN bills. Some passed and some did not, but she stuck with us every step of the way until we achieved our goal to allow APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education and training and to increase access to care for Arizonans.”

At the AzNA Centennial Celebration, representatives from all four APRN groups – nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialist, and certified registered nurse anesthetists – explained how enactment of APRN bills enhanced their practices and improved healthcare for their patients.

The AzNA is an organization representing Arizona’s 90,000 registered nurses that works to advance the nursing profession and promote a healthy Arizona.

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